

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 10-18 and 20 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant claims are allowed based on the declaration and arguments submitted. The declaration points out that the prior art teaches the mixture of anthracene and pitch; however, the mixture occurs at room temperature. When mixed at room temperature, the coal tar pitch will not be solubilized by the anthracene oil. Thereafter, the molded product of the prior art does not contain a liquid graphitable agent, as anthracene oil by itself has no coking value. Thereafter, the instant claims cannot be anticipated or held obvious over the prior art of record.

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